



# *Proclamation*

## *Presented*

### **In Recognition of the 20th Anniversary of the USS Missouri Memorial Association**

**WHEREAS**, the Battleship Missouri Memorial stands tall in the waters of Pearl Harbor as a world-class tribute to our Armed Forces and a symbol of the pride that the State of Hawai'i has for the commitment of our military personnel, both past and present, to protect our nation's freedoms; and

**WHEREAS**, the Battleship Missouri Memorial, under the direction of the nonprofit USS Missouri Memorial Association and the leadership of President and Chief Operating Officer Michael Carr, is continually improving as a historical tour experience and this year will pass the six million mark in guests served since its opening on January 29, 1999; and

**WHEREAS**, 2014 marks the 20th anniversary of the USS Missouri Memorial Association's formation by its founding board members Edwin L. Carter, ADM Ronald J. Hayes, USN (Ret.), and the late Harold B. Estes, who had the foresight to lead the charge in bringing the retired, ex-USS Missouri to Pearl Harbor and establishing a memorial honoring America's Armed Forces; and

**WHEREAS**, with the support of late U.S. Senator Daniel Inouye, a Medal of Honor recipient for his heroism in World War II, and numerous Hawai'i leaders in government and business, the USS Missouri Memorial Association's quest to have the "Mighty Mo" moored in Pearl Harbor was realized on June 22, 1998; and

**WHEREAS**, the USS Missouri was the last battleship built by America and is revered as the most famous for its five decades of military service in World War II, the Korean War, and Desert Storm, and for being the historic site upon which World War II ended with Imperial Japan's surrender to the Allied Forces on September 2, 1945; today the Missouri serves alongside the sunken USS Arizona to symbolize the beginning and end of World War II; and

**WHEREAS**, the Battleship Missouri Memorial's dedicated staff and legion of volunteers are to be applauded for their efforts to keep the Mighty Mo in shipshape condition, and for introducing new programs promoting science, technology and education for Hawai'i's youth;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor** for the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim June 2014, as

### **"USS MISSOURI MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION MONTH"**

in Hawai'i, and ask all citizens of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing the Association for its ongoing efforts to honor our Armed Forces with the Battleship Missouri Memorial's tour experience, bringing their history of service to life.

**DONE** at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this fourth day of June 2014.

  
**NEIL ABERCROMBIE**  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

  
**SHAN S. TSUTSUI**  
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i